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ETHICSBURG'S NEW LOOK. In September 2002, Ethicsburg opened its new website Ethicsburg.gov. Our old address, Ethicsburg.org, links to the new site. The new website has a fresh look and features all new training elements. The move to a Government web server environment is credited to BPD programming efforts. Notable changes include compliance with 508 accessibility standards. There are 5 training modules for this year and they are broken up into chapters with ethics rules on one page, two pages of scenario, and a multiple-choice question. There are five training modules available for 2002, but more are planned for later. We are just getting started. We have maintained and improved our online electronic certificates for participating agencies. Special thanks to the BPD Office of Information Technology who has worked to make this move possible.

BPD UTILIZES MATTER MANAGEMENT FOR ETHICS TRACKING. The Bureau of the Public Debt is using a browser based program, to track Form 450 reviews and training. The database program is widely used for various legal office topics at BPD, but has been used for ethics for the past two years. The program has a search capability that allows managers or reviewers to search on various stages of review completion. Training is also tracked and can be searched for completion. For more information on how BPD is using the program to track ethics matters contact the BPD Office of the Chief Counsel at 304

AGENCY WATERMARKS ON ETHICSBURG WEBPAGES. One new feature at Ethicsburg.gov allows participating agencies to have their agency logo appear as a background image on the training pages their employees access. This feature appears when your employee logs into the website using their agency email address. This provides your employee with a branded look while logged in to the training site. Contact the site administrator regarding a logo for your agency.

SUGGEST YOUR OWN TRAINING MODULES OR SCENARIOS. Become an active participant in the development process. A new feature of Ethicsburg provides users with an opportunity to make suggestions online. Have a topic you would like to see covered? Make a suggestion. Thinking of a particular scenario that might be interesting to trainees? Make a suggestion. We look forward to hearing your ideas and will work with you to make your ideas a reality.

THE WORLD OF ETHICS IN THE NEWS.

Does Ethics Risk Business Growth?

Is There A Need For Ethics Reform?

Thinking of Testing Airport Security? There May Be Consequences.